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Letter dated 31 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Under Secretary-General for Human Rights

I have the honour to forward to you the copy of a letter sent today by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Alois Mock, to the Secretary-General informing him of the decision taken by the Federal Government of Austria to invite the World Conference on Human Rights to be held in Vienna in June 1993.

I would be grateful if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the second session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference.

Vienna, 31 March 1992

Mr. Secretary-General,

Following the announcement made at the last session of the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva that the World Conference for Human Rights cannot be held as planned in Berlin, the Austrian Government has considered the possibilities for hosting the Conference in Vienna. It is a particular pleasure for me to inform you of the decision taken by the Austrian Federal Government on 31 March 1992 to invite the Conference to be held in Vienna in June 1993.

In extending this invitation, my Government wishes to highlight the importance Austria attaches to an effective international system for the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms. This time is especially propitious for a World Conference on Human Rights: achievements as well as shortcomings of the current system need to be reviewed, a course for the future has to be charted.

It is my hope that this invitation will be accepted favourably by the General Assembly in due course.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Alois Mock